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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 December 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 13-21 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 13-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The following is in response to the amendments filed on 7/22/2005. Claims 7-12 have been cancelled. Claims 1-6 and 13-21 are pending in the instant application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bauer et al (U.S 6026151), hereinafter referred to as Bauer in view of Ng et al (U.S 6243376), hereinafter referred to as Ng.

Re claim 1, Bauer discloses a switching system providing voice and data telephone service to subscribers connected through telephone lines to each switching system (*operating a home gateway system comprising the steps of connecting a telephone to a data telephony interface of the home gateway system, figure 1; column 3, lines 5-8*), receiving a call at its switching fabric, forwarding the call to the processor and determining the routing number of Internet Service Provider (ISP) which the subscriber

requires (*triggering on a call request at a switch of the home gateway system and sending a query to a processor of the home gateway system, receiving a reply from the processor including a telephone number of an internet service provider*, column 4, lines 26-40), connecting to the desired ISP (*establishing a telephony connection with ISP*, column 4, lines 62-65). Bauer fails to disclose dialing a destination telephone number and sending a message to the ISP including the destination phone number. Ng discloses dialing remote telephone number (figure 4, element 401) and submitting a recipient's telephone number once connected to the ISP (figure 4, element 305; figure 7; column 11, lines 62-65). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Bauer to send a message to the ISP with the destination phone number so that the ISP can route a call to the correct destination node. The motivation to combine is to use the function of ISP in routing network packets used for initiating and terminating telephone calls.

Re claim 2, Bauer discloses all of claim limitations of a base claim but fails to disclose digitizing an audio signal, packetizing the digitized signal to form a plurality of outgoing packets and transmitting the plurality of outgoing packets to the ISP. Ng discloses converting voice signals into a data packet format suitable for transmission over the Internet (column 3, lines 60-63). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Bauer to convert an audio signal to a data packet so that a voice call is connected over the Internet through ISP. The motivation is to use Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) that converts a traditional

voice signal into a stream of packets that are distributed over a packet network so that packet switched network is utilized to support voice calling system.

Re claim 3, Bauer discloses all of claim limitations of a base claim, but fails to disclose receiving a plurality of incoming packets from the ISP, converting the plurality of incoming packets into an incoming audio signal and connecting the incoming audio signal to the telephone. Ng discloses processing the incoming data packet format into audio signals reproducible as voice through the phone (column 3, lines 63-66). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Bauer to convert a data packet back to an audio signal so that a voice call is connected over the Internet through ISP. The motivation is to use VoIP that converts a stream of packets back into traditional voice signal to support conventional telephone system.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bauer in view of Ng and further in view of Lin et al (U.S 6791952), hereinafter referred to as Lin.

Re claim 4, Bauer and Ng disclose all limitations of the base claim, but fail to disclose establishing a wireless local loop connection to a base station (BS) and connecting the BS to the ISP. Lin discloses a BS, which is connected to the ISP (figure 4; column 9, lines 5-6), serving a plurality of subscriber radio terminals through wireless access link (figure 4, elements 410 and 411; column 8, lines 42-45). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to

modify Bauer to implement Lin's wireless Internet access system to provide efficient provision of asymmetric data services.

Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bauer in view of Ng and further in view of Gerszberg et al (U.S 6542500), hereinafter referred to as Gerszberg.

Re claim 5, Bauer and Ng disclose all limitations of the base claim, but fail to disclose compressing the digitized signal. Gerszberg discloses compressing IP packets and the voice (column 27, lines 63-66). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Bauer to implement the function of Gerszberg's processor to compress digitized signal to conserve additional amount of bandwidth.

Re claim 6, Bauer and Ng disclose all limitations of the base claim, but fail to disclose determining a priority of the plurality of outgoing data packets and when the priority is low, storing the plurality outgoing packets until all of a high priority data packets have been transmitted. Gerszberg discloses the processor in the Intelligent Services Director (ISD) configured to discriminate between the various forms of traffic (*determining a priority of the plurality of outgoing data packets*) and distributing high priority packets from one or more priority queues (*when the priority is low, storing the plurality outgoing packets until all of a high priority data packets have been transmitted*, column 19, lines 54-65). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Bauer to implement the function of

Gerszberg's processor to provide guaranteed bandwidth and latency service by distributing packets based on priority scheme.

Claims 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin in view of Bauer.

Re claim 13, Lin discloses sending a command to a transceiver to establish a telephony connection to a service provider (figure 4; column 9, lines 5-6). Lin fails to disclose receiving a request requiring an external connection at a router to establish a communication session with an ISP by directing the transceiver to establish a telephony connection with the ISP. Bauer discloses a processor recognizing a call as one directed to ISP and causing a switching fabric to route the call to the telephone network (column 3, lines 60-66). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Lin to include Bauer's switching system to route the call to the telephone network for routing to the switching system for delivery to the ISP.

Re claims 14 and 15, Lin discloses establishing a wireless local loop connection to a base station through an asymmetric data channel (figure 4; column 8, lines 53-56)

Claims 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin in view of Bauer and further in view of Gerszberg.

Re claims 16 and 17, Lin and Bauer disclose all limitations of the base claim, but fail to disclose receiving the request from a television processing system for an

information service provider request and sending received information over a channel to a television. Gerszberg discloses providing CATV services to subscribers (figure 5; column 7, lines 59-62). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Lin to implement a television processing system of Gerszberg to provide integrate services so that any requested information would be available based on subscriber preferences.

Re claim 18, Lin and Bauer disclose all limitations of the base claim, but fail to disclose television system receiving an email request, directing the processor to download an email and sending the email over the selected channel of the television. Gerszberg discloses providing email services (column 24, lines 24-26). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Lin to provide email services by Gerszberg's television processing system so that wide range of telephony services are accessed based on users' preference for communication over the Internet.

Re claim 19, Lin and Bauer disclose all limitations of the base claim, but fail to disclose an emergency broadcast network receiver connected to the television processing system. Gerszberg discloses providing emergency services (column 14, lines 57-67). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Lin to provide emergency services by Gerszberg's television processing system for providing a faster emergency broadcast over the Internet.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin in view of Bauer and further in view of Ng.

Re claim 20, Lin and Bauer disclose all limitations of the base claim, but fail to disclose home gateway system including a voice mail system. Ng discloses the Internet phone with a voice mail system. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Lin to implement a voice mail system of Ng to provide integrate services including telephony and Internet services.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicants' arguments with respect to claims 1-6 and 13-20 have been considered but are not persuasive.

Regarding claims 1 and 13, the Applicant argues that Bauer is not a home gateway system but is a distributed system that serves multiple homes/businesses. The Examiner respectfully disagrees. Since Bauer's switching system provides the same function of a home gateway system as shown in rejection of claim 1 and is associated with a subscriber, Bauer's switching system is a home gateway system regardless of its physical location.

Applicant further argues that Bauer does not teach sending a message to an ISP including a destination number dialed at step (b). The Examiner agrees to that, but that limitation is addressed by introducing Ng. It is the combined teachings of Bauer and Ng that meet requirements of claim 1.

Applicant' argument regarding claims 17-19 have been considered, but they are not persuasive since Gerszberg discloses providing CATV services, email services, and emergency services to subscribers, respectively.

The Examiner believes the rejection of claims is proper.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a). A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no, however, event will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hong Cho whose telephone number is 571-272-3087. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri during 7 am to 4 pm.

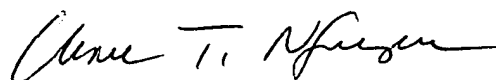
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